

PARTYING IN CORVALLIS

WELCOME!

The Corvallis Police Department welcomes you to the community. Over the past several years, strong partnerships have been formed between many agencies and organizations in order to provide a safe, positive living environment for students and community members residing in Corvallis, especially in the North College Hill Area.

In past years, the return of students has produced significant problems in the North College Hill Area. These problems included street parties involving hundreds of intoxicated individuals, assaults resulting in injuries to students and police officers, damage to public and private property, and noise disturbances of yelling and/or loud music.

Widespread education and strict enforcement of city ordinances and state laws will continue as in years past, with additional officers allocated to the North College Hill Area. Individuals violating ordinances or state laws will be subject to citation, physical arrest, and/or civil fines. Alcohol and noise violations are a chronic issue, and will be specifically targeted. Several of the most often violated ordinances and laws are summarized below, following tips on ways to have safe parties, avoid DUIs, and keep your person safe. We hope this information will assist you in making responsible choices about partying in Corvallis.

Party Management Tips

- * Find ways to celebrate that do not infringe upon your neighbors and that are alcohol-free.
- * Control the guest list. "Come one, come all" parties usually result in police contact. Have a door monitor to screen guests. If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons 21 years of age and older.
- * Plan ahead and notify neighbors well in advance of the date, times, and location of the party. Give them a telephone number and the name of a person to contact if there is a problem (be responsive to their calls).
- * Monitor noise levels. Keep doors and windows closed to reduce outside noise levels.
- * Serve food and have non-alcoholic drinks available.
- * Discourage drinking games. Have a non-drinking person serving the alcohol.

If your party gets out of control, contact the police. We will come out and assist you in regaining control.

DUI Prevention:

DUI laws are strictly enforced in Corvallis. Arrange for transportation or a designated driver before anyone drinks. Make sure arrangements are understood by everyone. Ensure persons under the influence/impaired don't drive (a person under the influence/impaired riding a bicycle is also a DUI). ***As the party giver, you are also liable.***

DUI = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$7500

Personal Security: Whenever possible, travel in groups of two or more, especially when attending parties where alcohol is served. At night, park in well-lit parking areas close to your destination. Always lock your car or bike (record bike serial numbers). Do not leave valuables in your car.

EMERGENCIES CALL 9-1-1

CORVALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

541-766-6924 General Business: Monday - Friday 8AM-5PM
541-766-6911 Non-Emergency Service Weekends & After 5 PM

OSU OREGON STATE POLICE/CAMPUS SECURITY

541-737-3010 Campus Specific Information

The following is a partial, abbreviated listing of City of Corvallis Ordinances and Oregon Revised Statutes which may apply to partying. Please refer to the City of Corvallis Municipal Code and the Oregon Revised Statutes (available at the local library & O.S.U. Student Conduct Office) for further information

Misdemeanors are punishable by physical arrest, up to a year in jail and fines. Infractions are punishable by fines only, not physical arrest. **LARGE HINT: You cannot be arrested for MIP, but you can be arrested for lying about your name, address, date-of-birth and/or running from police when told to stop!**

Hosting a party for minors. No person shall allow any person under 21 years of age to drink alcoholic liquor on property under his or her control.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$1000
Consumption of alcohol or possession of open container of alcohol in public place. No person shall possess any open container of alcohol or drink alcohol while in or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, public grounds, building, or place open and available to the general public, or while in a motor vehicle on premises open to the public.	Violation = Class C Misdemeanor Bail = \$100
Minor in possession of alcohol (MIP). No person under the age of 21 years shall possess, either in a container or in the person's system, any alcoholic liquor on private or public property.	Violation = Class A Infraction Bail = \$250
Littering. No person shall throw away trash (including, but not limited to, leaves, broken glass, bottles, soil) on public or private property without permission.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$150
Unlawful amplified sound. Playing a sound device (such as a stereo, TV, or radio) which is audible for more than 50 feet from the source of the sound. Applicable 24 hours a day	Violation = Class C Misdemeanor Bail = \$306
Loud noise. Making any unreasonably loud, disturbing, or unnecessary noise. Applicable 24 hours a day.	Violation = Class A Infraction Bail = \$200
Human Waste. No person shall deposit or discharge any human waste on property open to or visible by the public.	Violation = Class A Infraction Bail = \$150
False information to officer. No person shall knowingly use or give a false or fictitious name, address, or date of birth to any police officer for the purpose of the officer issuing or serving the person a citation.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$12,500
Tampering with property. No person shall, with intent to cause substantial inconvenience to the owner or other person, and having no right to do so, tamper or interfere with property of another.	Violation = Class C Misdemeanor Bail = \$500
Violent Conduct. No person shall intentionally cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm or recklessly create a risk of public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm by engaging in fighting or behaving in a violent, tumultuous, or threatening manner.	Violation = Class B Misdemeanor Bail = \$500

Resisting Arrest. A person intentionally resists a police officer when the officer is making an arrest. Third parties can be arrested for this crime if they resist another persons arrest.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$7500
Providing alcohol to minors. No one shall sell, give or otherwise make available any alcoholic liquor to a person under the age of 21.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$12,500
Interfering with officer. A person intentionally acts in a manner that prevents or attempts to prevent a police officer from performing his/her duties with regards to another person <u>OR</u> A person refuses to obey a lawful order given by a police officer.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$12,500
Assault IV. A person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to another.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$12,500
Trespass I. A person enters or remains unlawfully in a dwelling.	Violation = Class A Misdemeanor Bail = \$12,500
Trespass II. A person enters or remains unlawfully in a motor vehicle or in or upon premises.	Violation = Class C Misdemeanor Bail = \$3500
Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. Any person who knowingly or intentionally is in unlawful possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.	Classification = Violation Bail = \$610
Special Response Notice. First police response to a violation of the Corvallis Municipal Code may include a written notice that the activity or conduct must cease. Second police response within 30 days arising out of the activity or conduct <u>will</u> result in citation, physical arrest, and/or civil fines. A Special Response Fee will be charged to each person deemed liable. Separate fees will be charged for each subsequent police response. The special response fee is defined as the <u>total cost</u> incurred by the City in connection with such response, including but not limited to, police officers, equipment, dispatch and supervisor time. THESE CAN BE GIVEN WITH CITATIONS ON FIRST CONTACT!	
<p>Chronic Nuisance Property. A new ordinance, which became effective December 25, 2008, requires the Police Chief to contact the property owner and property occupant, if the occupant is not the owner, after:</p> <p>* Three separate incidents that violate certain City ordinances or State laws within a thirty-day period, or</p> <p>* Five separate incidents that violate certain City ordinances or State laws within a ninety- day period.</p> <p>The property owner and occupant then have 15 days to contact the Police Chief about why the property should not be considered a chronic nuisance property. They must also indicate what actions will be taken to address the allegations or indicate good cause why the owner cannot do so. If the owner fails to correct the problem within a reasonable period, the matter will be referred to an official Hearings Officer who will work with the property owner to abate the nuisance. Failure of the property owner to work with the Hearnings Officer to correct the problems could result in a civil penalty of \$250 for every day the property owner fails to take action and a penalty of \$500 per incident for any subsequent incident occurring on the property within six months of the declaration of a nuisance property. Should the property owner fail to stop the nuisance activity, the Hearings Officer may also close and secure the property against use and occupancy for a period of not less than ten days or more than six months.</p>	<i>PLEASE SAVE AND POST THIS BROCHURE!</i>

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